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SUMMARY: USUN WISHES TO FLAG ITS INTEREST IN MEETING OF NON-ALIGNED COORDINATING COMMITTEE MARCH 19-21, AS IT BEARS ON UN SPECIAL SESSION, AND TO REQUEST CONTINUED REPORTING ON DEVELOPMENTS AND ATMOSPHERICS WITHIN NON-ALIGNED FONMIN JOBERT REPORTEDLY DUE ARRIVE ALGIERS APRIL 1, PROBABLY WITH DESIRE TO DISCUSS INTERALIA GOF AND EC-9 PARTICIPATION IN SPECIAL UNGA, AND INTERPLAY OF ALGERIAN AND FRENCH INITIATIVES IN UN CONTEXT. END SUMMARY

1. USUN HAS BECOME INCREASINGLY INVOLVED IN PRELIMINARY PREPARATION FOR SPECIAL UNGA SESSION, AND IN THAT CONTEXT MONITORING EFFORTS OF NON-ALIGNED AND G-77 TO COME TO GRIPS WITH THEIR SELF-IMPOSED TASK OF DRAFTING THE SESSION'S AGENDA AND OBJECTIVES. OUR JUDGEMENT, BASED ON CONTACTS WITH DEVELOPED AND DEVELOPING COUNTRY REPRESENTATIVES

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IS THAT DESPITE CONSTANT ROUNDS OF NA AND G-77 MEETINGS

SINCE THE ALGERIAN PROPOSAL WAS TABLED, LITTLE PROGRESS HAS SO FAR BEEN MADE ON FIRING UP AGENDA. THIS IS DUE IN OUR OPINION TO THE HEALTHY FACT THAT IN THE NA/G-77 CONSULTATIONS, REPRESENTATIVES HAVE ON OCCASION EXPRESSED THEIR DISPARATE NATIONAL INTERESTS EFFECTIVELY AND THUS COMPLICATED EFFORTS TO REACH CONSENSUS AGREEMENT ON SPECIFIC AND PRAGMATIC ISSUES. FOR INSTANCE, NO AGREEMENT HAS YET BEEN REACHED ON WHETHER OR NOT ENERGY PARTICULARLY PETROLEUM PRICES, WILL BE INCLUDED AMONG THE TOPICS TO BE EXPLICITLY DISCUSSED, SINCE THE ARABS IN GENERAL WISH TO AVOID IT WHILE INDIA, KENYA AND SRI LANKA ARE VOICEFEROUSLY AND ADAMANTLY CAMPIONING IT. IT IS OUR BELIEF THAT THIS SITUATION MIGHT WELL PERTAIN DURING THE ENTIRE PERIOD LEADING UP TO THE SESSION, AND EVEN INTO IT. WHILE SOME MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY MIGHT BE CONTENT WITH AN AMORPHOUS AGENDA, IT OCCURS TO USUN THAT THOSE RESPONSIBLE FOR CALLING THE SESSION PROBABLY WISH TO SHARPEN THE ISSUES AND CONSEQUENTLY MAY TRY TO BREAK THE LOG JAM WHICH APPARENTLY HAS DEVELOPED IN WORKING LEVEL CONSULTATIONS IN NY.

2. ONE OF THE PLACES THE SPECIAL SESSION WILL RECEIVE A DRAMATIC PUSH WILL UNDOUBTEDLY BE THE NAC CONFERENCE COORDINATING COMMITTEE IN ALGIERS. USUN VISUALIZES THAT DIFFICULTIES MIGHT ARISE FROM ATTEMPT TO USE COORDINATING COMMITTEE AS TOOL TO "ENERGIZE" THE SPECIAL SESSION. NAMELY, NOT ALL NA GOVERNMENTS WOULD FAVOR VESTING SUCH INFLUENCE IN THE COORDINATING COMMITTEE. FURTHER, ANY ADDITIONAL NA ACTIVITY AT THIS TIME MIGHT ONLY EXACERBATE THE INTERNAL DIFFICULTIES THE GROUP IS REPORTEDLY ENCOUNTERING, AND/OR COMPLICATE RELATIONSHIPS WITH G-77 GOVERNMENTS NOT MEMBERS OF NAC, SUCH AS BRAZIL, IRAN AND PHILIPPINES. WE UNDERSTAND, FOR INSTANCE, THAT IRANIAN AMBASSADOR HOVEYDA WAS INVITED TO ATTEND THE COORDINATING COMMITTEE, IN HIS CAPACITY AS PRESIDENT OF THE NY G-77. HE TOLD US THAT HE DECLINED THE INVITATION. HOWEVER, BASED ON PAST EXPERIENCE WE SHOULD NOT UNDERESTIMATE POSSIBILITY THAT ALGERIAN/YUGOSLAVIAN STREAMROLLER MAY SUCCESSFULLY PAPER OVER THE CRACKS.

3. USUN WISHES TO FALG ITS CONCERN AND INTEREST IN THE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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INTERACTION OF PREPARATIONS FOR THE SPECIAL SESSION AND THE COORDINATING COMMITTEE MEETING. USUN WILL BE RELYING HEAVILY IN NEXT FEW WEEKS ON REPORTS OF COORDINATING COMMITTEE'S ACTIONS AND OF ATTITUDES OF KEY MEMBERS OF NON-ALIGNED GROUP. WE SUGGEST SERIOUS CONSIDERATION BE GIVEN TO DEMARCHES IN SELECTED CAPITALS OF COORDINATING COMMITTEE MEMBERS EVEN BEFORE ALGIERS MEETING CONVENES. LIMA, COLOMBO, NEW DELHI, KUALA LUMPUR, MONROVIA AND KINSHASA SEEM MOST LIKELY CANDIDATES

FOR PRODUCTIVE US IMPACT.

4. FYI: USUN UNDERSTANDS THAT FRENCH FONMIN JOBERT IS SCHEDULED TO ARRIVE ALGIERS APRIL 1. THE OBJECTIVES OF JOBERT'S MISSION MAY INCLUDE (A) FIRST-HAND INFO ON OUTCOME OF COORDINATING COMMITTEE, (B) CURRYING FAVOR (FOR FRANCE AND EC-9) WITH NA LEADERSHIP, (C) ENHANCEMENT OF FRENCH IMAGE AMONG NA'S AS SPOKESMEN OF EC-9 AND AS "REASONABLE" ELEMENT AMONG DC'S, AND (D) SORTING OUT THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN FRANCE'S INITIATIVE FOR A UN ENERGY CONFERENCE AND THE SPECIAL SESSION. END FYI.
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